MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there is any special reason for not appointing a second Muhammedan as Sub-Registrar during these long years?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You must modify your question, "long years" is a term which has no precise meaning.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there is any special reason for not appointing a second Muhammedan after the appointment of this Muhammedan in the year 1087?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It was probably due to want of qualified Muhammedans for appointment as Sub-Registrars.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): In answer to question No. 19, I received an answer that there are qualified hands in the department.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) He has been given a rank, and according to that rank, his turn has not yet come.

Kottayam District Munsiff's Court.

21. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have given up the proposal to locate the Kottayam District and Additional District Munsiffs' courts also in the premises of the Kottayam District court; and

(*b*) if not, how far have the arrangements for the same progressed?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The estimate and plan for the buildings are under preparation.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Will the member be pleased to say how long it will take to have the plan prepared and how long it will take to have the work begun?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The plans and estimates are under preparation by the Division Officer, Kottayam, and they have not yet been received by the Chief Engineer. The work will be taken up when funds are available.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether Government have received protests from the people of Kottayam against the transfer of the Courts from the present building?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have no information on that.

Trade Agents in India.

22. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Trade Agents are to be appointed in India from Travancore; and

(*b*) the centres where the Trade Agents are to be appointed from Travancore.

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question is under consideration.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the question of appointing paid trade agents also is under consideration?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The question of appointing paid trade agents is under consideration.

Confirmation Rules regarding Service.

23. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the general rules accepted by them for confirming persons who have acting claims; and

(*b*) whether it is the length of acting period or the priority of the date of first appointment that is the criterion for the confirmation?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The confirmation of officers who are acting in any post will ordinarily depend on seniority and efficiency.

(*b*) The criterion of seniority for purposes of confirmation in a post is priority of first appointment thereto.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is that the rule to be followed by all the Heads of Departments?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That is the rule to be followed by all Heads of Departments.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any test for efficiency?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Generally it depends upon the opinion of the Head of the Department or of the Head of the Office.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): മൻഷട്ടി സംവിസിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ച ആളുകളുടെ അക്കിംഗ് കാലാവധി അവസാനിക്കുമ്പോൾ പിന്നീട് ജോലിയിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചവരെ പിരിച്ചുവിട്ട് ആ സ്ഥാനത്തു ആദ്യം സർവ്വീസിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചയാളിനെ നിയമിക്കുന്ന നയം സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): മൊത്തത്തിൽ അതാണ് നയം; എന്നാൽ ചില ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിൽ അതു സാധിച്ചു എന്നു വരികയില്ല.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ചില ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിൽ ഈ നയം നിഷ്കർഷയായി അനുവർത്തിക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നതു?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): സെക്രട്ടറിയേറ്റിലും അക്കൌണ്ടാഫീസിലും ഈ നയം അനുവർത്തിച്ചുവരുന്നു എന്നു നിർച്ചയായി പറയാം.

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